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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	3721st meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The question concerning Haiti

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1*)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 4th meeting of the General Committee will take place on Friday, 6 December 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (see p.4).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	73rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34].

3 p.m.	74th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34].

2. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [21 (b)]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/303, A/51/356, A/51/560);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.22, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, L.30 and L.32/Rev.1).

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16, A/51/7/Add.1, A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human resources Management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1, A/51/421 and Corr.1, A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1-2 and Add.2/Corr.1, A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.8, A/C.6/51/7 and A/51/656))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1-2))

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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATION GROUP

Informal consultations

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 5 December 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: item 116)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(draft resolution under agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations))

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: items 119 and 120)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Briefing

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information, will discuss recent issues and trends in the disability field under the theme "Disability and Poverty" *today*, 5 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 2.

United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM) will be held *today*, 5 December 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 6 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/234 and Add.1) [8].

10 a.m. 75th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Advancement of women [103]: observance of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: plenary meeting devoted to the discussion of the problem of trafficking in human persons, especially women and children.

3 p.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [41]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/512);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.20/Rev.1).

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [44]:

   (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/48);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/228 and Add.1);

   (c) Draft resolution (A/51/L.31).

3. Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day : draft resolution (A/51/L.42) [162].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal consultations	
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations on the outstanding draft proposals under item 21 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Friday, 6 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan) on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Member States are also invited.

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The 1996 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Ina-lienable Rights of the Palestinian People presents a screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. *today*, 5 December 1996, the following will be screened: "Palestine: Story of a Land" (Part II).

Note: Due to technical difficulties, the film "Aqabat Jaber: Peace with no return" was not presented on Monday, 2 December. The film will now be presented *today*, 5 December 1996, immediately following "Palestine: Story of a Land" (Part II).

Exhibition

A cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" is presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations. The exhibition is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until *today*, 5 December 1996.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 6 December 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation on Chernobyl, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under Secretary General, will convene a meeting of the ministerial level Quadripartite Committee for Coordination on Chernobyl, expanded to include repre- sentatives of interested Member States and members of the United Nations Task Force for Chernobyl, on Friday, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and all interested delegations on a draft resolution on Assistance in Mine Clearance under agenda item 34 on Friday, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.2 and L.29

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.30 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.2.

The representative of Malaysia informed the Committee that Algeria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Cuba had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

At the request of the United States of America the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.2 was put to the vote.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and Lebanon.

The draft resolution was then adopted by a recorded vote of 123 to 2 with 17 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Ireland (on behalf of the Euro- pean Union), the United States, Argentina, Australia, Canada and Iran (Islamic Republic of).

The representative of Eritrea informed the Committee that the machine had not registered his delegation's vote, which was in favour of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the representative Colombia informed the Committee that had his delegation been present during the vote, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.29 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.37

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the text.

The representatives of Jordan, Bolivia and Ecuador informed the Committee that their delegations would have wished to join in sponsoring the draft resolution if it had not already been a text of the Economic and Social Council.

Following statements by the representatives of Australia and China the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Mexico, South Africa and Venezuela.

The Chairman then proposed a draft decision taking note of the relevant chapters of document A/51/3, Parts I-III, as well as documents A/51/379 and A/51/534, which was adopted by the Committee.

A statement was made by the representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.26 and L.53

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.53 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.26.

Following a statement by the representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.26 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.28 and L.50

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.50.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.50 as orally revised.

A statement was made by the representative of Brazil.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.28 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 94 (b).

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.16/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.16 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.16/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications relating to the revised draft resolution.

Belarus subsequently joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and South Africa.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 94 (c).

(d) Commodities

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.14 and L.49

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.49.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire made a statement in which he amended the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised and amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.14 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 94 (d).

The Chairman then proposed a draft decision taking note of documents A/51/388, A/51/331, A/51/255, and A/51/152 and Add.1, which was adopted by the Committee.

Sectoral policy questions [95]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.12 and L.46

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.46.

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.12 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.38 and L.47

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.47.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.38 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 95 (b).

The Chairman then proposed a draft decision taking note of document A/51/431, which was adopted by the Committee.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 as a whole.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.23 and L.45

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of) introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.45.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51.L.23 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) Agenda for development

(ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.21 and L.52

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.52.

The representative of Indonesia corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.21 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (b).

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.17

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced and orally revised the text.

The representative of the Russian Federation informed the Committee that Argentina and Israel had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and the Russian Federation.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (c).

(d) Population and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.19 and L.43

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.43.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.19 was consequently withdrawn.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (d).

(e) Human settlements

*Action of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.15/Rev.1**

The Committee resumed consideration of sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.15, drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.15/Rev.1*, and corrected the title.

The representative of Turkey informed the Committee that his delegation had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of the United States suggested a further amendment to the text, which was accepted by the Committee.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected and amended.

After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, the representative of Norway made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (e).

(f) Eradication of poverty

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.18 and L.51

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.51.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.18 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (f).

Environment and sustainable development [97]

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.10 and L.39 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/51/L.48)

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.39.

The Chairman informed the Committee that a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution was contained in document A/C.2/51/L.48.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.10 was consequently withdrawn.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 97 (a).

(b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.9 and L.41, and L.11

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.41.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Papua New Guinea, the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.9 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors, as was the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/51/L.11.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (b).

(c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.5 and L.31

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.31.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Marshall Islands made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.5 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (c).

(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.4 and L.42 (programme budget implications: document A/C.2/51/L.36)

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.42.

The Chairman informed the Committee that a statement of programme budget implications issued in document A/C.2/51/L.36 did not apply to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.42.

The representative of Jamaica corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.4 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (f).

Operational activities for development [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.8 and L.44

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.44.

The representative of the Philippines corrected the text.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey and Mexico.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.8 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Chairman then proposed a draft decision taking note of document A/51/391, which was adopted by the Committee.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 98.

38th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

(g) Cultural development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.22 and L.34

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.34.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) raised a question to which the Secretary of the Committee responded.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77) made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.22 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (g) and of agenda item 96 as a whole.

Environment and sustainable development [97]

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.7 and L.35

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.35.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.7 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (d).

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.6 and L.33

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.33.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Marshall Islands made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.6 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (e) and of agenda item 97 as a whole.

Training and research [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.27/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.27 and drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.2/51/L.27/Rev.1.

The representative of Poland proposed an amendment to the text contained in document A/C.2/51/L.27/Rev.1.

The representatives of Senegal, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Chile, Algeria, Burundi and Argentina took the floor to inform the Committee that their delegations had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. Japan and Nigeria subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions raised.

After statements by the representatives of the Pakistan, United States and Cameroon, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as orally amended.

A representative of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 99 (a).

(b) United Nations University

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.3 and L.20

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.20.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.3 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 99 (b) and of agenda item 99 as a whole.

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(a) External debt crisis and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the informal consultations

held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.24 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.24/Rev.1.

The representative of the Philippines read out corrections to the text of document A/C.2/51/L.24/Rev.1.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally amended.

After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, the United States, Cameroon and Andorra.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 94 (a) and agenda item 94 as a whole.

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee [12]

Action on document A/C.2/51/L.40

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 12.

The Chief of the Programme and Documentation Planning Section of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development introduced the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1997-1998 and orally revised the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1997-1998 (A/C.2/ 51/L.40), as orally revised.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 12.

Closure of the work of the Second Committee

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan Hamburger (Netherlands), made a closing statement.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement on behalf of all the members of the Second Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Poland (on behalf of the Eastern European Group of States).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Chairman declared the work of the Second Committee concluded.

Wednesday, 4 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3720th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and Rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1996/46).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

72nd plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [35]

(a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people (A/51/35)*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36)*

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/51/L.33, A/51/L.34, A/51/L.35, A/51/L.36.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey, Ecuador and Israel.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.33 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/23)	104	2	46
Draft resolution A/51/L.34 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/24)	107	2	46
Draft resolution A/51/L.35 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/25)	157	2	3

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.36 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/26)	152	2	4

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 35.

The situation in the Middle East [33]

(a) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953)*

(b) *Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40)*

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/51/L.38 and A/51/ L.39.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Lebanon, Ecuador and Turkey.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation. In the course of his statement, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic orally revised draft resolution A/51/L.39.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.38 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/27)	148	1	13
Draft resolution A/51/L.39 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/28)	84	2	71
Draft resolution A/51/L.40 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/29)	159	3	2

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Israel, France, the Sudan, Egypt, Swaziland, Venezuela and Argentina.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 33.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 36th meeting

United Nations Common System [121]

United Nations Pension System [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Japan and Ukraine.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Poland, Qatar, Mexico, Latvia and Canada.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

Report of the Economic and Social Council (Chapters I, V (sections E and G) and VII) [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the chapters of the report of ECOSOC which had been allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Other matters

The Vice-Chairmen of the Committee, Rapporteur of the Committee, and the representatives of Latvia and the Philippines as well as the Chairman made statements and informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations.

Statements were made by the representatives Mexico, Zambia, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ukraine and Cuba.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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onsideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordce with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the third eriodic report of Finland (E/1994/104/Add.7) and continued its nsideration of the second periodic report of Portugal in respect Macau (E/1990/6/Add.8) in closed meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

mendments to articles 17 (7) and 18 (5) of the Convention gainst Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading reatment or Punishment, adopted by the Conference of the tates Parties on 8 September 1992

Acceptance: Philippines (27 November 1996)*

greement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the nited Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 ecember 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management f Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, dopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on traddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: France, Seychelles (4 December 1996)

ienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, oncluded at Vienna on 22 March 1985

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, concluded at Montreal on 16 September 1987

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Parties at London on 29 June 1990

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, concluded at New York on 9 May 1992

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run from 3 to 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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